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REMARKS

Claims 14, 17-19 and 46-54 are pending. Independent Claim 14 has been amended herein.

Response to Section 103 Rejection

All pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,511,817 to Dickson ("Dickson") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,894,963 to Campbell ("Campbell").

In the present amendment, independent Claim 14 has been amended to recite specific connectors disclosed in the specification and drawings. No new matter has been added. Support for the specific connectors can be found at page 14, line 9 to page 15, line 15 and in Figures 5A-5D as follows:

Figure 5A:

- Beam Hangers
- Joist Hangers

Figure 5B:

- Plate Ties
- Stud Plate Ties
- Hurricane Ties
- Seismic Ties
- Framing Anchors
- Mudsill Anchors
- Floor Ties

Figure 5C:

- Metal Straps
- Straps
- Twist Straps
- Wall Braces

Figure 5D:

- Header Hanger
- Post Base
- Post Caps
- Holdowns
- Embedded Holdowns
- Embedded Truss Anchors

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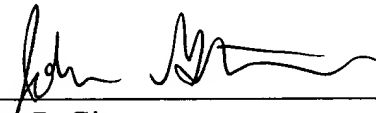
It is respectfully submitted that Dickson and Campbell, alone or together, fail to teach the invention of amended Claim 14 and immediate allowance is respectfully requested.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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